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## **ILLEGAL MEXICAN NATIONAL SENTENCED FOR REENTRY**

### PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that REYMUNDO ROMERO-BENUMEA, 36, Mexico, was sentenced to 96 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge David F. Hamilton following his guilty plea to illegal reentry following deportation as an aggravated felon. This case was the result of an investigation by the Wayne County (Indiana) Sheriff's Department, Fayette County (Indiana) Sheriff's Department, and the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

ROMERO-BENUMEA was first discovered by Wayne County and Fayette County officials in October, 2007. They suspected that a person they had contacted named "Guadalupe Mora-Garcia" was an illegal who had previous contact with immigration officials. ICE compared the fingerprints of "Guadalupe Mora-Garcia" and determined him to be REYMUNDO ROMERO-BENUMEA, a previously deported illegal alien who had been deported after a conviction for an aggravated felony. In fact, ROMERO-BENUMEA has been deported three times from the United States to Mexico in 1994, 1997, and 2003. ROMERO-BENUMEA was convicted of a burglary charge in 1992 in California and illegal reentry in Ohio in 2002.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Gayle L. Helart, who prosecuted the case for the government, ROMERO-BENUMEA will be deported after his sentence of imprisonment.

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